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## *Some Things I Am Thinking About:*

### PROFESSIONALISM

The dictionary defines professionalism as great competence, skill or experience in a field of endeavor. Think of world class athletes. But saying they are professionals doesn't make them so. They are because of their hard work, perseverance, dedication and lots of practice.

And professionalism is an attitude—a mindset that does not let you, as an individual, accept anything less of yourself than the highest degree of integrity, competence, attention to detail, good judgment, skill, doing your best no matter how trivial the task, looking out for the group before you look out for yourself, and judging others only by their actions and accomplishments.

I ask that all Southwest Region CAP members strive to be professionals in all their CAP duties.

### SAFETY

When you think about safety remember that the safest unit or organization is one in which ALL members continuously and as a matter of course recognize the hazards of their operations and automatically adjust their actions to mitigate those risks. In most cases accidents and incidents are human-caused and thus can be prevented by analyzing how we humans interact with the surrounding environment.

Safety is maintained when we always operate by using good judgment in assessing potential risks. Remember, "Truly superior aviators use their superior judgment and knowledge to avoid those situations in which they may have to use their superior flying skills." That applies to all we do, not just flying.

### LEADERSHIP


Three quotations from well-known individuals embody leadership principles we all should master.

"A sound body is good; a sound mind is better; but a strong and clean character is better than either!" *Theodore Roosevelt, address at Groton, Massachusetts, May 24, 1904.*

"Enlisted men may be entitled to morale problems, but officers are not. I expect all officers in this department to take care of their own morale. No one is taking care of my morale." *General George C. Marshall, Secretary of State under President Harry S. Truman.*

Thus do your utmost to do the Right Thing the Right Way for the Right Reason, for as Grantland Rice said in his poem, *Alumnus Football*:

*"For when the One Great Scorer comes  
To write against your name,  
He marks—not that you won or lost—  
But how you played the game."*

**Frank A. Buethe,**  
Colonel, CAP 

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- Before engaging in any CAP activity, a safety briefing must be conducted.
- Don't miss the Safety Specialty Track training posted at <http://www.capmembers.com/safety/safety-newsletters-2248/>
- **Safety is our Number One Priority.**

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Ideally, articles should deal with a wing-wide event, preferably conducted in conjunction or coordinated with another wing (or better yet across regions).

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**Top:** Students wait for their flying teachers to land. (Photos: 1st Lt. Kirk McManus)

## ***Texas Wing ACE School Earns National Award***

*by 1st Lt. Kirk McManus, CAP, Texas Wing*

NIEDERWALD, Texas – In the Camino Real Elementary School, all teachers are Civil Air Patrol (CAP) members, taking part in the Teachers Orientation Program (TOP) Flights. This school's singular distinction is that CAP's National Headquarters named it the 2014 winner of the TOP School of the Year Award.

In 2013, Camino Real partnered with the David Lee "Tex" Hill Composite Squadron, in San Marcos, Texas, who helped them get started. The school receives books, lesson plans, model airplanes, and T-shirts from CAP, and Texas Wing has brought games and exhibits to the school's "Science Night" in the past two years. Last year, they participated with the San Marcos squadron's "Career Day." This year, the teachers have become totally airborne.

During each Flying Field Day, a group of eight teachers flies, supported by as many CAP officers, while their students tour the San Marcos Airport's control tower, the Commemorative Air Force's museum and airplanes, and the flight simulators of Skyport Aviation, which recently opened to national recognition as one of the most advanced pilot training centers in the country.

Principal Marivel Sedillo has made Camino Real Elementary – built in 2008 – an educational landmark. The American Middle School Association has campaigned that growing minds learn best when all the subjects reinforce each other and are connected to a central theme. Camino Real's theme is “flying” to the students, and “aerospace education” to the teachers.

The Flying Field Days are outings involving the entire school. Some students watch the teachers' flying above them and talk to them by radio. Each of the teachers flown takes a turn at the controls, under the guidance and supervision of CAP members who are current or former airline pilots.

Other students gather outside the school. The first time, when an airliner flew by at several thousand feet, the children were so exuberant that they cheered and waved.

The enthusiasm lives every day. School Counselor Angela Vera says that Wednesday used to be the lowest attendance day. Then it became “Civil Air Patrol Day” when teachers and students wear their T-shirts. Now, Wednesday has the best attendance.

Civil Air Patrol is of special help with STEM subjects: Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics. Science and mathematics are taught by Matthew and Veronica Bonhamgregory, a husband and wife team. He learned of the Civil Air Patrol's support for education while living in Houston and brought that experience to Niederwald, encouraging other teachers to join as Aerospace Education Members. In 2011, several tried it, and by 2012 the whole faculty had joined, making it an “ACE School” (an acronym for Aerospace Connections in Education).

This year, the David Lee “Tex” Hill Composite Squadron – fifteen miles down the road – joined them, as Maj. Leroy Friesenhahn, commander of the San Marcos unit, thought they should look for some teachers to fly. “No one around here is doing that,” he said. A quick Internet search soon found the Camino Real Elementary School, now one of Civil Air Patrol's 19 ACE Schools.

As a unit pilot said, “It was like dropping lit matches on two hay bales!” To many of the teachers, “Civil Air Patrol” had meant little more than their textbook publisher's brand name. None of the CAP unit's pilots had ever flown a teacher before. But as soon as the groups met, the ideas for working together became reality.

The response was so instantaneous that the San Marcos pilots have made it their mission to contact every ACE school and the CAP units nearest them, and suggest that they contact each other.

Niederwald's teachers have invited San Marcos CAP pilots to help with special projects and even teach some classes. Although science and mathematics were the initial emphasis, social sciences are visible during the flights, and mean more to the teachers than their students. Specifically, the real estate investments and conservation projects are lessons in economics and government. From the air, many sites around San Marcos look like ghost towns in reverse, with the shadows of infrastructure outlining towns and neighborhoods that are yet to be built. Also, Niederwald is surrounded by a dozen reservoirs for soil conservation studies, and they are easily seen from above, but from the ground these sophisticated research facilities look like stock tanks.

The San Marcos unit is named after USAF Gen. David Lee “Tex” Hill, a San Antonio native, World War II triple ace fighter pilot, and one of the original “Flying Tigers” that flew for China against Japan before the United States entered the war.

Civil Air Patrol, chartered by Congress, has three missions: Emergency Services (ES), Cadet Programs (CP), and Aerospace Education (AE).

CAP's ES work is the best known, including search and rescue, flood surveillance and fire observation. It was active during last year's tornado recovery in Oklahoma, and a Civil Air Patrol plane was the first to fly over the 9/11 World Trade Center disaster.



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CAP's cadets are youth aged 12 to 20 twenty who learn Air Force traditions, military drill, and aerospace academics. Of course the San Marcos Cadets call themselves "The Texans."

CAP's AE is especially important to teachers, who can join as individuals, or, when all the teachers belong, they become an ACE School. That is what Camino Real Elementary in Niederwald did. 🇺🇸

**Below:** A student talks to his flying teacher over the radio. School Principal Marivel Sedillo is second from right.





**Top:** (Clockwise, from left) Cadet Senior Master Sgt. Nicholas Rossetti, Col. Frank Buethe, Cadet Capt. Meghan Parsons, Cadet Chief Master Sgt. Gabriel DeLeon, Cadet Airman Brittany Pigg, Cadet Capt. Jessica Parsons, and Cadet Senior Master Sgt. Emilee Mandile. (Photo: Lt. Col. Adam Such)

## ***Arizona Wing CAC Cadets meet with the Southwest Region Commander***

*by Cadet Capt. Meghan Parsons, CAP, Arizona Wing*

GLENDALE, Ariz - Several Arizona Wing Cadet Advisory Council (CAC) representatives were given the opportunity to meet at a breakfast with Southwest Region Commander Col. Frank Buethe to discuss a wide array of topics.

The 388th Composite Squadron's CAC representative, Cadet Capt. Jessica Parsons (the author's sister), had invited CAC representatives from across Arizona Wing to come and participate in this event during her squadron's dining out, and hosted training for the representatives to teach them how to put on a dining out for their own units. As part of this training, Cadet Capt. J. Parsons was instrumental in bringing fellow CAC members, as well as cadets from her own Squadron to meet with Col. Buethe.

"I've had the privilege of seeing how the CAC works at different echelons, and I hope that cadets who participate in this breakfast will gain a better understanding of how our ideas can be used at the different levels of the CAP program," Cadet Capt. J. Parsons explained. "CAC exists to improve the Cadet Program across the Wing, either through putting on activities like a dining out, training cadets, supporting and encouraging the accomplishments of other squadrons, and a number of other initiatives. We also need to work with all levels of the chain of command to accomplish our goals, and suggest the changes that will strengthen CAP's Cadet Program."

All attending cadets expressed their appreciation for being able to meet with Col. Buethe, increase their understanding of how CAP operates at the Region level, and learn from his experiences. 🇺🇸





**Top:** One by one, cadets placed flags into the burn pot. (Photos: Capt. Kelly Castillo)

## ***Texas Wing Unit Performs Flag Retirement Ceremony***

*by Cadet Master Sgt. Mason Prewitt, CAP, Texas Wing*

MESQUITE, Texas – In tribute to Flag Day, members of the Black Sheep Composite Squadron perform a yearly flag retirement ceremony for worn and tattered flags of the United States. On June 10, 2014, the squadron conducted yet another such ceremony that has become a unit tradition.

Some of the flags the squadron received were so large that it took at least six cadets to fold each one. At the opposite end of the scale, the squadron had two tiny plastic flags that also had to be folded.

After all the flags were folded, two senior members carried the flags to the area where the squadron would be retiring the flags, while the cadets marched in formation behind them.

The ceremony began with the squadron's cadet commander Chief Master Sgt. Blake Bulloyt telling how the U.S. flag was born and made. "I am a beacon of freedom for men and women around the world," read Cadet Bulloyt.

Thereafter, one by one, cadets placed old strips of the United States flags into the burn pot as Cadet Bulloyt continued to read. Senior members and cadets looked on.



**Right:** Cadet Master Sergeant Macks Prewitt presents a hand salute as other cadets stand at attention.

**Below Left:** Cadet Chief Master Sergeant Blake Bulloyt and Cadet Master Sergeant Mason Prewitt look on during the ceremony.

**Bottom:** Special attention is given to each flag as a tribute to its service.

"The white pieces represent purity in our hearts. The red pieces



represent the men and women of the armed forces who died protecting our freedom. And the blue pieces represent valor under God's heaven under which it flies. We are a refuge of oppressed people, flown through peace and war."

As the ceremony drew to an end, Capt. Opal McKinney gave the last flag to 1st Lt. Nicholas Birchum for retiring. It had been his father, the late Lt. Col. Jack Birchum, who had begun the squadron's flag retiring tradition.

Lt. Col. Birchum, a Korean War Veteran, spent more than 50 years as a CAP member. 🇺🇸







**Top:** (L-R): 1st Lt. Theresa E. Salazar, 1st Lt. Mary A. Fox and Mr. Art Burkett check the rocket's center of balance before handing it over to the launch team. (Photo: Cadet Senior Master Sgt. Juana R. Fox, CAP)

## ***Spirit Squadron Conducts Rocket Payload Test***

*by Cadet Senior Master Sgt. Juana R. Fox, CAP, New Mexico Wing*

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. – On May 3, 2014, Albuquerque Heights "Spirit" Composite Squadron held a rocket payload test at Albuquerque's Balloon Fiesta Park, as part of the squadron's 10,000-foot rocket challenge, where the squadron will attempt to launch a model rocket to an altitude of 10,000 feet above mean sea level.

The purpose of the test was to check the safety of the payload and its transmissions, once the rocket was airborne. "The goal was to understand the electronics and check the software and transmitter while the rocket was in flight," said project officer Maj. Lloyd J. Voights. "The safety concept was also proven in that the payload was protected," he added.

The day began with a review of the payload, to make sure that everything was in the correct place and working properly. Once that was done, the nose cone was secured to the rocket body with aluminum foil and duct tape. "It took us about 20 to 25 minutes to be completely ready for our launch," said team member Cadet Tech. Sgt. Joseph M. Burkett.

The first launch was successful, even though the nose cone got slammed on one side upon landing. The GPS system was temporarily knocked out, but after a reset, it began to work again. The recovery system did not fully eject because the rocket weighed too much and the engine didn't have enough power to gain altitude, but the nose cone protected the payload from serious damage.

After the second launch, the team learned that there would not be a third launch. The tip of the nose cone and most of the body were destroyed, and the payload electronics seemed to be broken.

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**Left:** The squadron conducts a payload test launch at Balloon Fiesta Park in Albuquerque. (Photos: 1st Lt. Mary A. Fox, CAP)

**Below:** Cadet Tech. Sgt. Joseph M. Burkett checks out the damaged nose cone after the second payload test launch.

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"My goal for the day was that the payload would not break," said team member 1st Lt. Mary A. Fox. "I'm confident that we met that goal," she added. "However, we won't know for sure until we test each piece again at our next meeting."

The payload test completed the first benchmark



for the 10,000-foot rocket challenge team. The next benchmark is to research, design and test an engine from scratch.

"I would most definitely recommend this to others," said cadet project officer Cadet 2nd Lt. Joel A. Montoya.

Participants in the test included the following team members: Maj. Lloyd J. Voights; 1st Lts. Mary A. Fox and Theresa E. Salazar, Cadet Chief Master Sgt. Aaron D. Gunkel, Cadet Senior Master Sgts. Juana R. Fox and John W. LeGalley, and Cadet Tech. Sgt. Joseph M. Burkett. Other members of the squadron and family members that participated were Capt. Nicki L. Voights, the Gunkel family, the Burkett family and the Fox family. 🇺🇸





**Top:** (L-R) Capt. Emmet Bartholomew, Jr., Lt. Col. Amos Plante, Capt. Mark Warriner, Lt. Col. John Morrow, Lt. Col. Kathy Beauford, Times Picayune reporter Dennis Gallagher, and Capt. Creston King.

### ***Civil Air Patrol Media Fly-Along Flight Was Well Attended***

*by Lt. Col. Kathy Beauford, CAP, Louisiana Wing*

NEW ORLEANS – On April 19, 2014, the Billy Mitchell and Pontchartrain Composite Squadrons of the Civil Air Patrol (CAP) participated in a media flight demonstration of air and ground team Search and Rescue Exercise (SAREX) procedures. Lt. Col. Beauford had established a media relationship with Times Picayune editor Melissa Morris who assigned reporter Dennis Gallagher to the story. Capt. Mark Warriner, the SAREX organizer, handled all details for getting the media flight permission from the CAP National Operations Center. He also secured funding for the Media Fly-Along SAREX from Louisiana Wing Commander Col. Thomas Barnard.

Dennis Gallagher observed Capt. Mark Warriner's Mission Base briefing and met all team members. He then flew with Mission Pilot Capt. Emmet Bartholomew, Jr., and Mission Observer Lt. Col. Kathy Beauford on an Emergency Locator Transmitter (ELT) search on a "missing hunter with a personal beacon" scenario. A running commentary explained the methods used in locating the beacon. After the beacon was located, the aircrew returned to base and instructed the ground team on where the "missing person" could be found. The ground team then proceeded to assess the condition of the "rescued" missing person and offered food and water. Airborne and ground photographs of the scene were taken and processed after the flight, adding photo information to the pictures which were uploaded into the CAP Web Mission Information Reporting System (WMIRS) Operations Database.

The Pontchartrain Composite Squadron ground team consisted of Ground Team Leader Maj. Dennis Eschmann, 1st Lt. Mike Giroir, Cadet 1st Lt. Franchesca Giroir, Cadet Sr. Master Sgt. Dean Scott, Cadet Sr. Airman Colton McClintock, and Cadet Airman 1st Class Andrew Rodrigue. The missing person team consisted of Maj. Lester Cambre and Capt. Creston King. The Incident Commander for the SAREX was Lt. Col. Amos Plante. Mission Base radio operator was Capt. Brian Bowling. 🇺🇸



**Top:** Visiting cadets and senior members watch as an ASU student pilots the hexacopter. (All photos: Cadet Capt. Parsons)

## ***Arizona Wing Cadets Participate in ASU Aerospace Activity***

*by Cadet Capt. Meghan Parsons, CAP, Arizona Wing*

TEMPE, Ariz - Held on May 3, 2014, this year's Arizona Wing Aerospace event was held at the Interdisciplinary Science and Technology Facility on the Arizona State University Tempe campus. Over 100 cadet and senior members were able to participate and learn more about space, science, geology and the opportunities available to students at ASU.

After being assigned to flights, the group entered the Marston Exploration Theater to meet with Maj. King from the Arizona State 25th Wing, part of ASU's Air Force ROTC program. Maj. King spoke with the cadets about the many opportunities and majors available to AFROTC cadets, and the fun, fitness, teambuilding, and interaction with active duty Air Force members that AFROTC cadets can expect to participate in while studying at ASU.

Cadets were introduced to Dr. Tom Sharp, one of the School of Earth and Space Exploration's (SESE) Professors, who is an associate director for the ASU/NASA Space Grant. He spoke about a recent project in which he participated with his students, looking for asteroids in Antarctica, as well as the many opportunities available for those interested in a career in science or engineering. "Our goal at ASU is to bring engineers and scientists together," said Dr. Sharp, pointing out that both scientists and engineers are vital to their successes.

"I really enjoyed the presentation by Dr. Sharp, and learning more about ROTC," said Cadet 2nd Lt. Harmon from Squadron 310. "I liked learning more about aerospace and the benefits from ASU," said Cadet Airman 1st Class Rodriguez from Squadron 302. "And I also liked meeting the other cadets."



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**Right:** Maj. King addresses the Arizona Wing cadets.

**Below:** In the science lab, cadets learn how hurricanes are formed.

Attendees were able to view a 3-D planetarium-style show on a flat screen, designed to inspire all to explore. "You have a lot to explore as the next generation," explained Marston Theater Manager Mr. Ric Alling. The cadets were shown the massive satellite system orbiting the Earth, learned about our orbit in relation to other planets', and were able to see the vast expanse of our universe that has been discovered so far. Cadets were updated on the progress of the Mars Rover, recent telemetry from the Hubble Space Telescope, and the benefits of the new James Webb Space Telescope.



After lunch, flights were rotated through various stations to see what ASU students were working on, and to engage in hands-on labs and docent-guided tours through the facility.

The cadets got to see ASU's UAV, which the ASU students hope will someday help track other UAVs to avoid midair collisions and regulate their use. Cadets also got to meet BAXTER, a humanlike robot originally designed for use in an assembly line, but specially designed to assist in research. BAXTER has a 360-degree sonar sensor that enables it to work safely with humans by being able to sense their proximity to avoid collision. Cadets also got a chance to interact with one of ASU's hexacopters while learning how they are used for military, security and science missions.

Attendees also spent time in a hands-on self-guided science lab, learning how hurricanes form, the theory behind solar and lunar eclipses, the properties of the Earth's atmosphere, the properties of light and waves, the composition of different rocks and minerals, and other science topics. Cadet Tech Sgt. Moore from Squadron 107 said, "I love science and stuff, so the lab was the most fun for me."

Finally, cadets were given a tour of the different science displays, learning about ASU's contributions to the Mars Rover, the planets and interesting facts about them, and also the

various tools that scientists and geologists use to study our Solar System's planets and asteroids.

The annual Aerospace event gives Arizona Wing cadets and senior members an opportunity to participate in and learn from a variety of students and professors about aerospace and STEM-themed topics, opportunities available for future study, and careers.

Lt. Col. Feltz and Lt. Col. Hubacek organized the event in coordination with ASU. 🇺🇸





**Top:** Sunset over the Katy Cajun Invasion Festival. (Photos: Cadet Staff Sgt. Faith Marquez)

### ***Texas Wing Squadron Members Lend a Hand***

*by Cadet Staff Sgt. Faith Marquez, CAP, Texas Wing*

KATY, Texas – On May 16-18, 2014 at the Katy Mills Mall, Thunderbird Composite Squadron cadets volunteered to work at the Cajun Invasion Festival. It was a bright and sunny weekend, perfect for the carnival. The head of security at Katy Mills had invited the Thunderbird Composite



Squadron to assist as a response team, perform trash pick-up, and patrol the festival's inner and outer perimeters.

**Right:** Volunteers take a break.

**Below:** Cadets take a ride to position themselves for work.

"We looked at it as a mission," said 1st Lt. Salvatore LoDolce, who was in charge of the cadets for the weekend. Participating cadets were split into teams and given radios to communicate. A tent that was set up as headquarters also served as a place for visitors to come and ask questions about Civil Air Patrol.



Many people and vendors noticed favorably the cadets' performance around the carnival and went to the tent to inquire about Civil Air Patrol. The festival offered a great opportunity to explain as well as demonstrate what CAP is all about. CAP members always have opportunities to participate in events and activities such as this; besides, volunteer service is one of CAP's Core Values.

Many squadron cadets and senior members volunteered throughout the weekend, so that the work was evenly distributed. Everyone had a chance to enjoy the rides and games. There were several live performances, including Kimberly Caldwell, a Katy native. She was the seventh-place finalist on American Idol. As she invited children up to the stage, Cadet Master Sgt. Zach Lexa and Cadet 2nd Lt. Truitt LoDolce jumped into the group, where they proceeded to jam out on stage with the pop star.

The cadets expressed their joy at volunteering at the festival. "It was a fun experience," said Cadet Tech Sgt. Zach Lexa. "Sure we cleaned up, but we had fun doing it." The management at Katy Mills Mall thanked the Thunderbird Composite Squadron and said they would always welcome them back. 🇺🇸







**Top:** (L-R) Cadet Tech. Sgt. Bailey E. Little, Cadet Airman 1st Class James G. Johnson and Cadet Senior Airman Mark K. Chappell learn how to properly iron BDUs. (Photos: Capt. Nicki L. Voights, CAP)

## ***New Mexico's Spirit Squadron Holds a Cadet Day***

*by Cadet Senior Master Sgt. Juana R. Fox, CAP, New Mexico Wing*

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. – On April 26, 2014, fifteen cadets and three senior members from Albuquerque Heights "Spirit" Composite Squadron held a Cadet Day led by the squadron's cadet officers: Cadet Deputy Commander Cadet 1st Lt. Julien R. Work, Cadet Executive Officer Cadet 2nd Lt. Nicholas R. Martin, and Cadet Flight Commander Cadet 2nd Lt. Alexander J. Salazar. The purpose of the Cadet Day was to increase cadet knowledge of Civil Air Patrol and to promote team-building and esprit-de-corps.

Cadets were divided into two teams: Cadet Tech. Sgt. Ella C. Freimanis led the Alpha Team, and Cadet Senior Airman Mark K. Chappell led the Bravo Team. Having two teams provided the cadets with a competitive spirit.

The day began with the video "Silent Drill Team," that showed the United States Marine Corps Silent Drill Platoon performing precision drill movements in complete silence. Cadets then practiced basic drill movements, trying to copy the Marines that they had seen on the video.

The first team-building activity was to blindfold one cadet from each team, and then have other team members lead them through an obstacle course. "It took about 20 to 25 minutes to complete the course," said Cadet Tech. Sgt. Joseph M. Burkett, a participant. The cadets then walked over





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to nearby Desert Ridge Middle School for a game of Capture the Flag. However, for safety reasons, instead of a flag the cadets used a sports drink bottle.

When asked how the day went, Cadet Work said, "I enjoyed seeing cadets grow as a team and look forward to seeing them continue to grow."

For lunch the cadets had pizza provided by the squadron, with cake and ice cream to celebrate Cadet Martin's birthday. "You simply cannot have an event at our squadron without cake and ice cream," said Burkett.

In addition to the cadet officers who organized and led the program, participants included Cadet Senior Master Sgts. Brandon J. Breedlove and Aaron D. Gunkel; Cadet Master Sgts. Kyle T. Stafford and John W. LeGalley; Cadet Tech. Sgts. Joseph M. Burkett, Ella C. Freimanis and Bailey E. Little; Cadet Senior Airmen Mark K. Chappell and Mary K. LeGalley; Cadet Airman 1st Class James G. Johnson; and Cadet Airman Basics Tyler M. Breedlove and Thomas B. Martin.

On hand for senior member support were Squadron Administrative Officer Lt. Col. Beverly A. Vito, Squadron Personnel Officer Capt. Nicki L. Voights, and Squadron Supply Officer 1st Lt. Theresa E. Salazar.

After the event, the cadets said that they had enjoyed themselves, and also recommended that another Cadet Day should be held as soon as possible. 🇺🇸

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**Left:** Cadet Airman Basic Thomas Martin plays Capture the Flag.

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## ***Arizona Wing Participates in Davis-Monthan AFB Open House***

*by 2nd Lt. Michael H Ossipov and Lt. Col. Dan "Deek" Pence, CAP, Arizona Wing*

DAVIS-MONTHAN AFB, Ariz. – The weekend of April 12-13, 2014 saw the return of Thunder & Lightning Over Arizona. This biannual event is hosted at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, and features numerous static displays, aerobatic demonstrations, and of course the popular Air Force Aerobatic Team, the Thunderbirds.

As in the past, the William Rogers Memorial Senior Squadron 104 of Arizona Wing, Civil Air Patrol (CAP), brought the unit's Cessna aircraft to the airshow. Maj. Joe Wypych and Lt. Col. Daniel "Deek" Pence flew the aircraft to Davis-Monthan AFB and positioned it in the shade on Thursday morning, April 10.

The airshow started on April 12 when the gates opened at 9 a.m., and already the newly polished squadron aircraft was drawing a





crowd, keeping the crew (Lt. Col. Dan Pence, Capt. Steve Hulland, Capt. Deborah S Blattstein and 2nd Lt. Michael H. Ossipov) as well as many other squadron members busy while they showed off the Cessna 182.

The aircraft power unit was set up and connected to a small generator so that visitors (children and adults alike) could see how the Garmin G1000 "glass cockpit" functioned, an activity that attracted much attention. Children of all ages were lining up for a chance to sit in the cockpit, get a view from the pilot's seat, and see the G1000 in action.



Squadron members were always available to show the children and adults the airplane's features and give an overview of the squadron's mission. In so doing, squadron members were fulfilling one of CAP's three missions: Aerospace Education. Besides the airplane itself – a powerful attractor – people would stop by with questions about CAP and its missions. Many asked, "How old do you have to be to join?" always asked by a parent with one or more children in tow. They always walked away with a brochure.

From the point of view of community outreach and education, the squadron's presence at Davis-Monthan AFB's Open House 2014 was a success – to judge by the smiling faces, animated conversations, and lines forming even after the Thunderbirds had to cancel because of high winds.

The crowd maintained a steady flow until all units secured on Sunday at 5 p.m. On the following Monday morning, Lt. Col. J. A. "Tony" McFarland flew the squadron airplane back to the squadron's home base at Tucson International Airport. After parking the plane, he

noticed "hundreds of little handprints all over the side and rear window of the airplane." As the photos show, hundreds of little children just wanted to touch the airplane.

"You never know who is going to show up at the squadron just to talk or ultimately join – as I did 12 years ago after seeing the squadron aircraft at the Davis-Monthan Air Show," said Lt. Col. McFarland. 🇺🇸







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**Left:** Cadet Chief Master Sgt. Blake Bolluyt inspects the cadets. (Photos: Capt. Kelly Castillo)

**Below:** The U.S. flag is folded before being presented to the outgoing cadet commander, Cadet Chief Master Sgt. Victoria Schwarz.

### ***Texas Wing Squadron Conducts a Change of Cadet Command Ceremony***

*by Capt. Kelly Castillo, CAP, Texas Wing*

MESQUITE, Texas – On April 8, 2014, Cadet Chief Master Sgt. Blake Bolluyt was installed as cadet commander of the Black Sheep

Composite Squadron, replacing Cadet Chief Master Sgt. Victoria Schwarz who had finished her tenure. The event was staged at a formal ceremony conducted by the assembled squadron.

Cadet Schwarz served for two years in the squadron. Her first mission was in July, 2012 when the squadron was called upon to locate a missing Beechcraft E90 near the town of Karnack, Texas. The squadron was successful in locating the wreckage of the fatal crash.

Cadet Bolluyt was involved in the disaster relief mission in Moore, Okla. in May, 2013. The







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town had been devastated by an EF5 tornado. Cadet Bolluyt assisted the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) by photographing every house in the area.

**Left:** Squadron Commander Capt. Doug Hosea holds the new U.S. flag that he will give to Cadet Bolluyt and is to be flown while he is cadet commander.

**Below:** Incoming and outgoing cadet commanders face each other as Capt. Hosea reads the appointment orders.

As part of the command transfer ceremony, Cadet Schwarz was presented the U.S. flag that the squadron had used

while she had been the cadet commander. A new flag was then flown in its place.

Cadet Schwarz thanked the cadets under her leadership for their hard work. She then encouraged them to continue growing in the Civil Air Patrol to become effective leaders.

"These cadets have really excelled by learning and performing emergency services," said Cadet Schwarz. "I am so grateful to have served with them."

Squadron's Commander Capt. Doug Hosea presented her with a Commander's Commendation Award certificate for her work at the LoneStar Emergency Services Academy, where she participated in staffing in June, 2013 at Big Sandy, Texas.

Cadet Schwarz will be transferring to the Lakeshore Composite Squadron in Rockwall, Texas. During the squadron's end-of-year party in December, 2013, Cadet Schwarz was awarded the squadron's Cadet Female of the Year certificate, and Cadet Bolluyt was awarded the squadron's Cadet Male of the Year certificate.

In the future, Cadet Schwarz plans to become involved in hippotherapy, a program that uses horses to help children with mental and physical challenges. Cadet Bolluyt plans to join the U.S. Air Force after he earns his Gen. Billy Mitchell Award that carries with it automatic promotion to the CAP grade of Cadet 2nd Lt. 🇺🇸





**Top:** Then-Cadet 1st Lt. Kaitlin Glowaski directs Cadet Master Sgt. Devon Prochinak on proper marshalling procedures during an exercise at the Lawton-Ft. Sill Airport.

## ***Oklahoma Wing Cadet Earns the Ira C. Eaker Award***

*by Capt. Rick Rutledge, CAP, Oklahoma Wing*

LAWTON, Okla. – On April 14, 2014, Civil Air Patrol National Headquarters at Maxwell Air Force Base in Alabama announced that CAP Cadet Kaitlyn Glowaski has earned the General Ira C. Eaker Award and therefore was promoted to Cadet Lieutenant Colonel.

The General Ira C. Eaker Award denotes successful completion of all achievements of the Civil Air Patrol Cadet Program. This award honors the late Air Force General Ira C. Eaker, aviation pioneer, career military officer, and one of the chief architects and visionaries of the US Air Force. To highlight the difficulty in achieving this goal, Cadet Lt. Col. Glowaski is the 2741st recipient of the Eaker Award since its creation in December, 1995.

Cadet Lt. Col. Glowaski has been a member of Civil Air Patrol for four years and is a graduate of Civil Air Patrol's National Cadet Officer School, a college-level leadership and management course taught by US Air Force senior instructors from Air University located at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

She is qualified as an Emergency Services Evaluator for Communications Unit Leaders, Search and Rescue Ground Teams, and Flight Line personnel. Cadet Lt. Col. Glowaski is the cadet commander of Lawton's Comanche-Eagles Composite Squadron and has commanded the cadet staff at a Civil Air Patrol National Flight Academy. 🇺🇸





**Top:** (L-R) Pat Gallagher, Carolyn Morris, Marilyn Williams, Martha Bauman, Ysonde Hobbs, Katie Chamberlain, Amanda Bladsacker, Sandi Miller, and Patty Hoppe at the Airport Hilton.

**Below:** (L-R) Martha Bauman, Lt. Col. Kathy Beauford, and 1st Lt. Franchesca Giroir as the latter receives the Daughters of the American Revolution Community Service Award. (Photos: 1st Lt. Mike Giroir, CAP)

## ***CAP's Pontchartrain Composite Squadron Assists at DAR Banquet***

*by Lt. Col. Kathy Beauford, CAP, Louisiana Wing*

NEW ORLEANS – On May 5, 2014, Civil Air Patrol's Pontchartrain Composite Squadron assisted at the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Banquet at the Airport Hilton Hotel. First Lt. Franchesca Giroir received the DAR Community Service Award for over 4,000 hours of service to Civil Air Patrol (CAP), Chapelle High School, Animal Rescue, Elder Care Assistance, and Our Lady of Divine Providence.

The CAP Color Guard performed a precise presentation and retirement of the American flag. The Color Guard consisted of Cadet Senior Master Sgt. Garrison Garcia, Cadet Staff Sgt. Colton McClintock, Cadet Staff Sgt. Andrew Rodrigue, and Cadet Senior Airman Mario Molina. Capt. Robin Soroe is the deputy commander for cadets and 1st. Lt. Michael Giroir is the color guard mentor.

Lt. Col. Beauford gave a presentation on Civil Air Patrol's three missions: emergency services, aerospace education, and cadet programs that included playing a DVD that showed a demonstration Search & Rescue Exercise flight conducted on April 19, 2014.

The Daughters of the American Revolution Banquet celebrated the installation of new officers. State Chaplain Pat Gallagher presided at the installation of Carolyn Morris, Marilyn Williams, Martha Bauman, Ysonde Hobbs, Katie Chamberlain, Amanda Bladsacker, Sandi Miller, and Patty Hoppe. 🇺🇸





**Left:** New Mexico Wing Commander Col. Mark E. Smith (left) presents a plaque for 50 years of service to his predecessor, Col. Larry Harrah, who was New Mexico Wing Commander from 1985 to 1988. (Photos: Lt. Col. Jay T. Tourtel, CAP)

**Below:** Col. Smith presents a certificate for 20 years of service to Lt. Col. Janet Shepard, Wing Director of Finance.

### **New Mexico Wing Honors Members' Long Service**

*by Lt. Col. Jay T. Tourtel, CAP, New Mexico Wing*

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. –

At the New Mexico Wing Staff Meeting and Commanders Call on May 10, 2014, Col. Larry H. Harrah – who was New Mexico Wing commander from 1985 to 1988 – was recognized for 50 years of service to Civil Air Patrol.

"It seems more like 53," Harrah quipped, as he received his plaque from his successor and current wing commander, Col. Mark E. Smith.

At the presentation, Col. Harrah received a 50-year membership card with an indefinite expiration date, granting him lifetime membership in CAP.

Harrah joined Civil Air Patrol in 1960, as a member of CAP's Ohio Wing. He relocated to New Mexico in 1966, where he became commander of Albuquerque Senior Squadron II. His other assignments included Director of Southwest Region Staff College for 1981-1982; Staff College Seminar Advisor, 1977-1978, 1989-1990 and 2001; and Curriculum Coordinator for 1979-1980.

Other members who were recognized for their long service included:

40 Years of Service – Lt. Col. Paul Cline, New Mexico Wing Director of Communications, and Lt. Col. Larry Zentner, Assistant Director of Communications.

30 Years of Service – Lt. Col. Corliss Grubert, New Mexico Wing Administrator.

20 Years of Service – Lt. Col. Janet Shepard, New Mexico Wing Director of Finance.

Although he admitted to being hobbled by arthritis, Col. Harrah expressed a desire to once again become more active in CAP.

Reflecting on his 50 years of service, he said, "I enjoyed every minute of it. I did everything I had to do to make everything run well." 🇺🇸







**Top:** Educators at the National Aerospace Educator Conference in Pensacola Naval Air Station, Fla.

## ***CAP National Aerospace Education Officer Conference Soars High***

*by Lt. Col. Kathy Beauford, CAP, Louisiana Wing*

PENSACOLA, Fla. – During June 24-27, 2014, Civil Air Patrol Aerospace Education Officers from around the country attended the National Aerospace Education Officer Conference at the Pensacola Naval Air Station. The aerospace educators participated in presentations on teaching today's youth about the relevance of aviation and space endeavors to their daily lives and to encourage careers in aerospace, science, engineering and mathematics (STEM) endeavors.

Lt. Col. Kathy Beauford, Louisiana Wing Director of External Aerospace Education and Robotics Project Manager, presented "Lunar Nautics," "A Field Trip to the Moon" and "Are We Alone in the Universe?"

The educators designed their own moon base using the STEM approach that applies the principles of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. Lt. Col. Beauford wore and demonstrated a replica of the Moon Suit that Astronaut Neil Armstrong wore on the Moon.

Other presentations included the 30 free aerospace education materials and programs offered by Civil Air Patrol such as aviation, space, model rocketry, flight simulators, robotics, advanced mathematics, The Space Station, remote control airplanes, astronomy, remote sensing from space, satellites, and computer cyber security.

Civil Air Patrol materials include K-6 Curriculum Programs, free STEM kits, teacher orientation flights, and \$250 grants to classroom teachers.

The educators trained in the airplane and jet simulators at the Pensacola Naval Air Station, launched model rockets, and toured the Pensacola Naval Air Museum. 🇺🇸



## ***Texas State Representative Honors Texas Wing Cadet***

*by Capt. Jason Unwin, CAP, Texas Wing*

WACO, Texas – In June 9, 2014, Texas State Representative Charles “Doc” Anderson presented a certificate of appreciation to Cadet 2nd Lt. Elise Herbelin in recognition of her service to the community through Civil Air Patrol activities. Rep. Anderson cited Cadet 2nd Lt. Herbelin’s selection as Chair of the Group III Cadet Advisory Council.

Group III is part of Texas Wing of the Civil Air Patrol. She was one of only twelve cadets statewide to be selected to serve in that position. Additionally, Cadet Herbelin was recognized for having earned the Civil Air Patrol’s General Billy Mitchell Award that carried with it automatic promotion to the grade of Cadet 2nd Lieutenant.

Cadet Herbelin has also received the Air Force Association Cadet Officer of the Year Award for the Waco Composite Squadron. She was cited for her demonstrated leadership and commitment to excellence throughout her service in the Civil Air Patrol.

Cadet Herbelin, formerly the cadet commander of the Waco Composite Squadron, plans to attend Arkansas State University where she will pursue a degree in nursing. She plans on participating as a cadet in the university’s Army ROTC program, hoping to earn a commission in the United States Army. 🇺🇸





**Top:** (L-R) Squadron Commander Lt. Col. Adam Such accepts the Unit Citation from Southwest Region Commander Col. Frank Buethe. (All photos: 1st Lt. Ben Cowden)  
**Below:** (L-R) Mr. Vice, Cadet Chief Master Sgt. Jacob Chase and Madame Vice, Cadet Capt. Jessica Parsons.

## ***Arizona's 388th Composite Squadron Celebrates First Year of Activation***

*by Cadet Capt. Meghan Parsons, CAP, Arizona Wing*

GLENDAL, Ariz – On April 26, 2014, Squadron 388 hosted its inaugural dining out in celebration of the accomplishments of its cadets and senior members during its first year as a squadron. Held at the Luke Air Force Base Club 56, the event was deemed a success.

The dining out was attended by squadron members, individuals from squadrons across the state, and local officials who have been part of the squadron's success. Honored guests included Glendale Mayor Jerry Wieres and his wife Sandy, Arizona's Adjutant General Maj. Gen. Michael T. McGuire and his wife Deborah, Southwest Region Commander Col. Frank Buethe and his wife Pam, Wing Commander Col. Brian Ready and his wife Cindy, and Sector West Commander Lt. Col. Richard Frazier. President of the Mess was 388th Squadron Commander Lt. Col. Adam Such, who was accompanied by his wife, Lt. Col. Fidelia Newell.

The Squadron's Color Guard Team, led by 2nd Lt. Lisa Mandile and Cadet Senior Master Sgt. Emilee Mandile, presented the colors and conducted a special presentation honoring POWs and MIAs. The Color Guard team performed a Battle Cross ceremony for the dining out. "As a Color Guard team,





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our main goal is to honor," said Cadet Mandile. "What better way to honor than to build a battle cross representing all our fallen heroes who made the ultimate sacrifice."

**Left:** Color Guard (Cadets Ezekiel Newell, Emilee Mandile, Nicholas Chavez and Nicholas Rossetti) performs the Battle Cross Ceremony

During the dining out, the organizers offered pointers on its traditional procedures, ranging from the concept of toasts to the history of

a dining out. Cadets introduced the evening's guests and keynote speaker.

The evening included the presentation of several awards. Veterans of Foreign Wars representative Mr. Robert Hysko recognized Cadet 2nd Lt. Brandon Herr as the VFW NCO of the Year and Cadet 1st Lt. Klara Olcott as the VFW Officer of the Year. Air Force Sergeants Association representative Master Sgt. Michael Hohn awarded Cadet Senior Master Sgt. Mandile the Air Force Sergeants Association NCO of the Year. Air Force Association representative Mr. Harry Bailey recognized Cadet Capt. Jessica Parsons as AFA Cadet of the Year. CAP Achievement Awards were presented to Cadet Chief Master Sgt. Steven Fulmer, Cadet 2nd Lt. Brandon Herr, Cadet Sr. Amn. Ezekiel Newell, Cadet 1st Lt. Klara Olcott, Cadet Capt. Meghan Parsons and Cadet Staff Sgt. Tyler Reed, Capt. Marty Flynn, 2nd Lt. Don Lopeman, Capt. Dave Mickel, 1st Lt. Jan Parsons, 1st Lt Sean Parsons, Lt. Col. Fritz SeFritz, Capt. Edwin Segura, Lt. Col. Linda Yeager and 2nd Lt. Frank Yeager for "outstanding service to the Squadron." Commander Commendation Awards were presented to Cdt Maj. Andrea Grana, Capt. Robert Enoch, 2d Lt Lisa Mandile, Cadet Sr. Master Sgt. Emilee Mandile, Cadet Capt. Jessica Parsons and Tech. Flight Officer Christopher Miconi for "exceptional contributions." Finally, the Meritorious Service Award was presented to Capt. Greg Larkham, 1st Lt. Cindy Miconi and Cadet Capt. Meghan Parsons for achievements and services "clearly outstanding and unmistakably exceptional." Lt. Col. Such noted that no other cadet in Arizona Wing in recent memory had received a Meritorious Service Award.

Finally, Southwest Region Commander Col. Frank Buethe presented the Unit Citation Award to Squadron 388 and its members in recognition of the squadron's outstanding achievements during its first year of activation.

The evening's highlight was the keynote speech delivered by Arizona Adjutant General Maj. Gen. Michael T. McGuire, who pointedly thanked all cadets' parents for their support.

"Maj. Gen. McGuire's speech was inspirational," said Cadet Chief Master Sgt. Steven Fulmer. "It shared the wisdom of someone who is experienced in a military atmosphere, and shared his experience with cadets. He showed that change is inevitable, something that happens often in the military, and even CAP."

The speech received a standing ovation. "I was really surprised to learn that the challenges that our Squadron has faced merging three squadrons happen in the military all the time," said Cadet Capt. Jessica Parsons, "and that Maj. Gen. McGuire has spearheaded several of those mergers makes him the perfect guest speaker. I think his speech reaffirms the fact that we did something really hard this year, but we all succeeded and we've all learned and become stronger as a unit."

Lt. Col. Linda Yeager and 2nd Lt Lisa Mandile organized the dining out, that ran smoothly. 🇺🇸





**Top:** The High Plains Technology Center where the Woodward Composite Squadron meets on Tuesday evenings.

## ***Oklahoma Wing's Newest Squadron Opens in Woodward***

*by Capt. Rick Rutledge, CAP, Oklahoma Wing*

TINKER AFB, Okla. – After ten months of preparation and development, Oklahoma Wing announced the official charter of the Woodward Composite Squadron as approved by Civil Air Patrol's National Headquarters. Since July, 2013 a group of CAP members with a common interest in leadership, aerospace and emergency services began meeting in a classroom at the High Plains Technology Center to organize and grow an entire program as part of Civil Air Patrol, the United States Air Force Auxiliary, an organization that enjoys a legacy of selfless sacrifice and service to the country and the community.

Created on Dec. 1, 1941 Civil Air Patrol is a group of volunteer men and women who served their country by sinking or chasing away German submarines off America's East and Gulf coasts. As a result of their constant presence and tenacity, CAP sub-chasers effectively thwarted German U-boat attacks and, in the process, saved countless lives.

Today, CAP handles 90 percent of inland search and rescue missions, with approximately 75 lives saved each year. CAP members are generally the first on the scene transmitting via satellite digital images of the damage within seconds around the world and providing disaster relief and emergency services following natural and man-made disasters, including incidents such as 9/11, Hurricane Katrina, the Moore Oklahoma tornado, North Dakota winter weather aftermath as well as humanitarian missions along the U.S. and Mexican border.

"We're so happy to be able to bring this program to the men, women and young adults of Northwest Oklahoma," said 1st Lieutenant Paul Mitchell, founder and squadron commander of the Woodward Composite Squadron. "The opportunities we offer are vast and the ability to serve our communities in many capacities is second to none." The Woodward Composite Squadron is the first CAP unit to receive a charter in Oklahoma since 2011.

"It is very exciting to see our organization growing in an area of Oklahoma that has been under-served in our mission areas," said Oklahoma Wing Commander Col. Joe Cavett. "The group of people who have helped us get this unit up and running have the same pioneering spirit as the members who helped create this organization in the 1940s and we're happy to have them at the helm. The future for Civil Air Patrol in Woodward is outstanding." 🇺🇸

## ***Texas Wing Squadron Participates in an Orientation Flight Day***

*by Capt. Jason Unwin, CAP, Texas Wing*

WACO, Texas – On June 7, 2014, at Terrell Municipal Airport, the Waco Composite Squadron participated in a Group III, Texas Wing “Orientation Flight Day” during which CAP cadets received a flight in a Civil Air Patrol (CAP) aircraft. Cadets who were not flying received training in flight-line marshalling (parking aircraft). CAP cadets receive 5 front-seat orientation flights, each of which covers a specific area of instruction related to aircraft operation and aerodynamics, in increasing order of complexity. Each cadet orientation flight is piloted by an experienced CAP pilot and flights are conducted safely. CAP cadets may also train for a variety of tasks related to search and rescue (SAR) activities, one of CAP’s three primary missions.

Two Waco Composite Squadron cadets participated in the activity that involved 20 Group III cadets. Group III has squadrons in Grand Prairie, Dallas, Waco, Mesquite, Midlothian, and Addison. One cadet received orientation flight training on June 7, and each cadet was flown from Terrell to at least two other airports in the Dallas area and return. Cadet Airman Stephen Parker received a Certificate of First Flight. A half dozen aircraft provided flights.

Cadet Parker completed the first flight covering pre-flight inspection of the aircraft, ground handling, take-off and landing. Cadet Airman Anastasia Timoshenko participated in SAR training. Cadet Airman Timoshenko participated in flight-line marshalling that involves safely directing aircraft movement on the tarmac either for departure or arrival.

Cadets Timoshenko and Parker participated in aerospace education activities and training related to model rocketry, during which they built and flew air- and water-powered rockets made from paper and plastic soda bottles. An air compressor powered the “air rockets” to considerable heights and distances downrange. The plastic soda bottle rockets were powered by water and compressed air, at least one of which carried a small camera to record the flight. That video is on the squadron’s Facebook page.

“I had a great time,” said Cadet Parker when he landed after his first flight. 🇺🇸

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**Right:** Cadet Stephen Parker (left) receives his certificate of first flight from Capt. Jerrold W. Barron, commander of the Black Sheep Composite Squadron in Mesquite, Texas.







Top: (L-R) Mrs. Betty Welsh, Incoming Cadet First Class Charli Kemp, Cadet First Class Haley E. Barela, and Air Force Chief of Staff Mark A. Welsh. (Photos: Courtesy of Mr. Walter Barela)

### ***Guest Editorial: Ex-New Mexico CAP Cadet Escorts Distinguished Visitors***

*by Cadet 1st Class Haley E. Barela, U.S. Air Force Academy*

U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. – I was pleasantly surprised when I was asked to assist in escorting distinguished visitors for the 2014 United States Air Force Academy graduation on May 21, 2014. I saw this as an opportunity to take some pictures, send off some of my graduating friends, and spend time with other friends. It was a very early morning in a less than comfortable uniform in less than optimal weather, but I got to escort U.S. Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Mark A. Welsh and his wife Betty.

The duty started with a more menial assignment: guiding the distinguished visitors off a bus. I understood the reason, but I still wanted to help out, so when one of the program officers asked for more volunteers for another job, my friend Charli Kemp and I stepped forward. Our job was to hold a large black curtain so people couldn't see the distinguished visitors before the ceremony, but allow free passage for the Secret Service agents going in and out of the area. Charli and I tried to be as snappy as possible, sending out to the ceremony the head party of our Commandant, Superintendent, and the Chief of Staff. Thinking this was all that the job entailed, we patiently waited to be relieved, but after an hour of holding back the black curtains in high winds – that required both Charli and me to lean our full weight into them – no relief came.



As we began to tire, we started planning ways to signal one of the other volunteers to switch with us so we could sit down and rest, but the ceremony was already in progress. Just as we had decided to wait out the two-and-a-half hour ceremony, a Secret Service agent gave us both a handshake and placed something in our palms as he said, "Thank you."

As Charli and I looked down, we saw that he had given us one of the pins that Secret Service agents wear on their suits to distinguish themselves from everyone else. The agent went on to say that he hadn't had a chance to visit our gift shop, and that if he gave us our business card, could we send him some memorabilia in exchange for more Secret Service things? We readily agreed.

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**Left:** Cadet Barela stands next to the limousine that was used by Vice President Joe Biden.

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From that point on, more agents began talking to us as well, offering us tours of the Chief of Staff's office in Washington, DC, as well as career advice, and chatting about current events. But the job didn't stop there.

After the graduation ceremony, we were instructed to pull back the curtain in preparation for Vice President Joe Biden's entrance. As he came through, he made it a point to personally shake Charli's and my hand, giving us each personal advice for the future. We were also led over to be introduced to Gen. Welsh, his wife and his staff.

Charli and I agreed that it had been an excellent idea for us to have accepted the volunteer opportunity, even if it had been originally billed as a less desirable position. It was a simple reminder that one of the Secret Service agents' advice was correct, "If you want to get ahead and get the most out of things, learn to just say yes to opportunities. Know your limits and know when something is wrong, but otherwise just say, 'Yes'." 🇺🇸

*(Note: USAF Cadet Barela is a former Civil Air Patrol cadet and member of Albuquerque Heights "Spirit" Composite Squadron, New Mexico Wing – Lt. Col. Jay Tourtel)*



## ***How the Southwest Region Public Affairs Awards Program Works***

Starting with the Jan., 2013 issue of The Fly-By, by directive of Southwest Region Commander Col. Frank A. Buethe, the region will recognize contributions to The Fly-By as follows:

1. A SWR **CAP Achievement Award** for article publication on three different issues of The Fly-By. Multiple articles in the same issue will count as one.
2. A SWR **Commander's Commendation Award** for article publication on an additional six different issues. Multiple articles in the same issue will count as one.

Region will issue the certificate and send it to the winner's unit at the first available opportunity. The award certificate will be presented at the first available opportunity.

### ***How to Make Submissions Suitable for Publication***

Since The Fly-By is posted on the SWR website, it is an external communication. Therefore, as required by CAPR 190-1, Sec. 7.b.(7), articles must be written in Associated Press Style. If a submission that is not in AP Style is selected for publication, it will be edited to this standard. (NHQ/PA has been using AP Style for all external communications since 2005.)

AP Style is defined in the Associated Press Stylebook (available at [www.ap.org](http://www.ap.org)). For a brief summary, please see "Associated Press Style in a Nutshell," overleaf.

"Article" is defined as a narrative that:

- Is written in AP Style;
- Answers the questions Who, What, When, Where, and Why, and preferably also How;
- Has one or more quotes from participants, with attribution;
- Has two or more digital photos attached (not embedded in the text), with appropriate cutlines (photo captions). An article submitted without digital photos that is selected for publication will count as a half-credit. For full credit, it must have accompanying photos.

### ***General advice on writing a good article***

- Get all the facts right, stick to the facts, and do not use hearsay or express opinion.
- Take good digital photos.
  - Do not use digital zoom, or else your photos will lack good focus and definition;
  - Take "action shots" of people doing something interesting that is material to the article;
  - Make sure everyone is in the correct uniform and you identify all.
  - **Note:** Good photos are essential to add immediacy and flavor to the story.
- Get good quotes.
  - Ask participants for their opinion;
  - Get full grade, name, position title and unit of assignment for each quote.
  - Get the individual's consent to publish the quote as recorded (read it back).
  - **Note:** Getting quotes is how you get to express opinion, and get your readers to share the experience that you are writing about.
- Write in good, idiomatic, unadorned English.
  - Do not "pad" your sentences, such as saying "due to the fact that" when "because" will do;
  - Avoid trite expressions, such as "it goes without saying" – if it does, don't say it;
  - Avoid colloquial expressions;
  - Do not write in acronyms – always define the first instance, such as "Federal Aviation Administration" before you use FAA;
  - No nicknames – unless famous, such as "Ike" for Pres. Dwight E. Eisenhower. 🇺🇸

## ***Associated Press Style in a Nutshell***

Below are the most important rules to keep in mind when writing in AP Style

- Write the title in normal English-language capitalization. Never all in caps.
- Add your byline below the article title
- Do not format the text in the article (only exceptions are: bullet comments and numbered paragraphs in a section that details a process or sequence).
- Do not indent the first line of a paragraph.
- Use AP Style rules for punctuation.
- Single space the article. At the end of each paragraph, execute two end-of lines (Enter key).
- Do not introduce artificial paragraphing by hitting the Enter key at the end of each line in your article. Instead, let the text wrap naturally and tap two Enter keys at the end of the paragraph.
- Use only a single space after a period.
- Insert a dateline at the beginning of the article, following AP Style rules.
- Answer the 5Ws: Who, What, Where, When, Why + the honorary W: How. In writing a CAP article, you will always know the 5Ws.
- Write all dates in AP style.
- Do not use postal codes instead of state abbreviations (not OK but Okla., not NM but N.M.) but some states have no abbreviation, such as Texas.
- Write all military grades in AP Style.
- Write the article in the third person singular.
- Express no opinion.
- To express opinion, use one or more quotes of qualified sources – always get the quoted person's permission to include the quote, unless it is a matter of record (printed article or recorded audio-visual). Get the quoted person's grade, name, job title and organization.
- Never self-quote.
- Identify all persons by grade or title, name, job title if material, and organization.
- Never refer to a young person as "kid."
- When a young person is a CAP cadet, never use "boy," "girl" or "child" but identify each one by grade, full name (or last name only – never first name only), and unit of assignment.
- Never use "their" for the possessive of a singular subject, such as, "the cadet took their meal."
- Avoid the abbreviations i.e. and e.g. You may know what each one means, and the Latin words they represent, but most people confuse the two. Be clear. Write in English and leave Latin and non-English to scholars.
- Refer to CAP members by grade, name, duty position and unit of assignment. Never by first name.
- On second or subsequent references, use only the last name, except when there are two persons with the same last name, in which case the use of both first and last name is preferred (never just the first names).
- In the case of CAP or military commanders or higher ranking senior members, on second reference use the grade and last name.
- Do not use Lt. as a grade. Lt. is a mode of address. The correct grade may be 2nd Lt. or 1st Lt., but never Lt. The Navy is the only service that has the grade of Lt.
- Do not use exclamation marks, as doing so expresses opinion.
- Use simple declarative sentences.
- Avoid the passive voice.
- Remember the good rules of English grammar and syntax, and follow them.
- **For best results**, buy the latest copy of the Associated Press Stylebook, available at a modest cost at [www.ap.org](http://www.ap.org) – read it, study it, know it, and use it. 📖